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CUBA'S PROSPECTS GOOD.

Correspondent Rappelye Says the Insurgents Hold the Island.

SPAIN ON THE DEFENSIVE.

Cuba Would Gain Her Independence in Three Months Should the United States Grant the Insurgents Belligerent Rights.

New York, April 2.—Among the passengers on the steamer Yucatan, which has just arrived here, was Elbert Rappelye, the newspaper correspondent, who after three months stay in Cuba, was banished by a decree of Gen. Weyler. He said: "I unhesitatingly state that within three months the insurgents' cause in Cuba will be triumphant if the United States will grant them belligerent rights. The Spaniards are now on the defensive. Every battle of late has been fought by the rebels who practically hold the island. When Gen. Maceo started on his western campaign one-third of his men were unarmed. His forces have engaged in battle with but three cartridges each, depending on the capture of the enemy's train for ammunition to continue the fight. The men fight like tigers, and with the arms and ammunition supplied by the Spaniards are again marching toward Havana. If the Cubans had enough arms they could put 100,000 well-drilled and officered troops in the field."

Rebel Forces Increasing.

Key West, Fla., April 1.—Twenty-five thousand insurgents under Gen. Maceo are swarming over the provinces of Havana and Pinar del Rio, destroying property, ripping up railways and tearing down telegraph lines. Forty-five thousand Spanish soldiers are in the same territory, and more are coming. Gen. Gomez is in immediate command of the center column of rebels, with about 9,000 men. Gen. Maceo is in the southern part of Havana province with about 6,000 men, and Gen. La Cret is hovering about the outskirts of Havana with about 5,000 cavalry. The other 4,000 men are divided into small bands of pillagers. The insurgents are well equipped and have plenty of ammunition and are capable of giving the Spanish a warm reception. The activity noticeable about the palace of Gen. Weyler seems to bear out the idea that a crisis is near at hand.

ACCUSED OF A DOUBLE MURDER.

Arrested on the Charge of Murdering the Stone Family.

AERON, O., April 1.—Yesterday afternoon Anson B. Strong was arrested for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Stone at Tallmadge on Saturday night. The evidence is largely circumstantial. Thirteen years ago Strong was sent to the penitentiary for horse stealing and his conviction resulted principally from testimony given by Stone. Several years later after his release from prison he was again arrested for the same crime, and again convicted on testimony given by Stone. He was released a second time about three weeks ago, and it is thought he committed the murder for revenge.

When taken into custody to-day, Strong said he was at the home of his sister on the Ravens at all of Saturday night, and that he had gone to church Sunday morning. A search of the sister's house, however, resulted in the discovery of a suit of clothes and an overcoat, which had been placed by the stove to dry. There were no blood stains on the clothing, but Strong's sister said she had washed the garments in an outdoor tub that morning. In one of Strong's pockets was found a railroad ticket from Ravens to Kent, the latter place being within two miles of the scene of Saturday night's tragedy. The ticket was purchased last Saturday. The news of the arrest soon spread and a big crowd assembled.

A Railroad Reding.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—An opinion was rendered by the supreme court yesterday in the case known as the long and short haul case, involving the validity of the provision of the interstate commerce act prohibiting a higher charge for a short haul than for a long haul, appealed from the decision of the circuit court of appeals for the fifth circuit. The appeal was taken by the railroads. Its title was the Interstate Commerce Commission vs. the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific Railway Co., the Western & Atlantic Railway Co., and the Georgia Railway Co. The decision of the court below was affirmed. The main opinion holding that another on through bills of lading, railway companies could not exempt parties and give them special rates.

Bonds Nearly Paid For.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The gold reserve at officially reported yesterday, at \$100,000,000, the highest point yet

reached during the present administration. The total amount of gold so far received on account of the last bond sale is \$106,159,071, of which \$66,292,350 is for principal, \$100,000,000 for premiums and \$149,757 for interest, which leaves approximately \$5,000,000 yet to be paid under the conditions of Secretary Carlisle's circular.

THE BOND INQUIRY.

Senator Hill Still Employing Obstructive Methods to Defeat the Resolution.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—An unexpected controversy arose in the senate yesterday over the resolution providing for a committee of five senators to investigate and report all the material facts and circumstances connected with the sale of United States bonds by the secretary of the treasury in the years 1894, 1895 and 1896.

Mr. Hill suggested that this and the two following calendar measures go over, as the senate was proceeding under the five minute rule.

Mr. Peffer, the author of the resolution, insisted on going on and was reinforced in his demand by Senators Walcott and Teller. Mr. Walcott said it was time something was done with the resolution. If not acted on now, let the senators agree when they would act on it. Since the resolution was introduced it had been rolled around and never brought to a vote. Mr. Teller also insisted that there should be no further delay. He was willing to wait until Wednesday for taking up the resolution, but Mr. Platt cut off an agreement by an objection.

"Then I suggest notice on the senator from Connecticut," (Platt) said Mr. Teller, "that we will take up this resolution and take it up very soon."

Mr. Walcott added: "Yes, and we will take it up now, unless the senate is too thin for a quorum."

It looked as though a vote would be taken, but Mr. Cockrell, perturbed. He said there was no hurry, plenty of votes would be available to take up the resolution at the proper time.

Mr. Walcott went on to declare that the objections made were not casual.

The senator from New York had persistently "shoved over" this resolution from day to day. There was evidently no purpose to inquire into the bond deals.

Killed by a Live Wire.

St. Louis, April 1.—Charles A. Bolgard, 21 years old, a driver for the Walton-Kuost Express Co., at 112 North Sixth street, was almost instantly killed yesterday afternoon by coming in contact with a live wire of the Bell Telephone Co., that had fallen in the alley in the rear of the express company's office. The horse which he drove shared the same fate, while William Althaus, Bolgard's foreman, received a severe shock, but was otherwise unharmed.

Sugar Growers Want to Be Protected.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Representatives of the sugar growing interests of the country made an appeal yesterday to the house ways and means committee for legislation to protect them against the advantages given to the German producers by the German export bounties. They asserted that the Germans are taking advantage of the weakness of Cuban competition, because of the war, to crush the industry in America.

Erroneous Musters of Volunteers.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The house committee on military affairs yesterday voted to report favorably a bill recommended by the war department to permit corrections to be made of erroneous musters of volunteers who served in the rebellion. A proposition to extend the time another five years was before the committee, but the war department bill was agreed upon as a substitute.

Northwest Kansas Conference.

SALINA, Kan., April 1.—The 13th annual session of the Northwest Kansas conference of the M. E. church opened in this city last night with a large attendance of both ministers and laymen. Bishop E. G. Andrews, of New York, is presiding. The annual missionary sermon was preached at night by Rev. R. H. McDade, of Lincoln.

Ready to Sail on Short Notice.

PANAMA, April 1.—According to a report from Tocon to-day, three French warships have been made ready to sail at a moment's notice. This is held here to mean trouble with England over Egypt.

Cherokee Miners Out of Work.

CHESTER, Kan., April 1.—The Western Coal & Mining Co. closed mine No. 2 at Fleming yesterday, throwing 225 men out of employment. The mine will not be reopened until September.

Colorado's Great Gold Output.

DENVER, Col., April 1.—From smelter returns for the first quarter of the year the Rocky Mountain News predicts a gold production of \$30,000,000 for Colorado in 1896. The production of 1895 was but \$13,000,000.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

CINCINNATI, April 1.—The boiler of a saw mill exploded on the Woodville pike, four miles north of Milford. Two men were killed and three injured, one fatally, and the others seriously.

At Corning, O., Thomas Hamilton, a

newspaper man, killed his wife and himself because of jealousy.

The president has appointed G. S. Miller as postmaster at Key City, Mo.

AN EXPRESS TRAIN HELD UP.

Three Men Rob the Cannon Ball Express on the Frisco Road.

THE SAFE CRACKED OPEN.

The Amount of Money Secured Known to Be Considerable, but Officials Are Reticent—Haward Offered for the Robbers' Arrest.

LEBANON, Mo., April 1.—The east-bound cannon ball train, No. 9, on the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad, was held up three miles east of here at 1:05 o'clock this morning by three masked men, and the safe blown open and robbed. The robbers boarded the train at this place and, after reaching the scene of the robbery, held up the engineer and fireman and stopped the train and, with the engineer in front of them, marched to the express car. The messenger refusing to open the door, it was blown open with dynamite and the safe cracked and its contents removed. Several packages of valuable papers were found this morning beside the track with some money which had been overlooked in the hurry of departure. The passengers were not molested. The engine was detached and run by the robbers to Steeper, where it was abandoned. A brakeman hurried back to the city and started Sheriff Jones and a posse on the track of the robbers.

Three strangers, who are supposed to be the robbers, were seen driving in one of the saloons here at ten o'clock last night, and were seen near the depot by Night Operator Martin only a few minutes before the "cannon ball" arrived. The brakeman gave a fair description of the men to the officers in pursuit, and the railway officials are confident they will be speedily apprehended.

While the amount of money secured by the robbers is known to have been considerable, the local express officials will not place an estimate on it. The Wells-Fargo Express Co. offers \$300 reward for the arrest of the robbers and furnishes the following descriptions: First—A large man, sandy, long, drooping mustache, black overcoat, black slouch hat and wore a belt with pistols. Second—A very small man, smooth face, dark hair, black overcoat, black slouch hat. Third—Medium height man, heavy built, very dark complexioned; heavy five days' growth of beard on face; dark and stubby mustache; had on broad band black slouch hat; no overcoat, brown sack untaway coat.

The country is aroused and pursuit is active and it is thought the robbers cannot escape.

A DESPERADO KILLED.

He Compels a Stockman to Exchange His Thoroughbred for a Broken-Down Horse and Then Kills Him.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 1.—News was received here yesterday of the killing of Pete Anderson, a young desperado from the Panhandle of Texas, by John Brothers, a stockman, residing in Beaver county, Ok. Anderson appeared at Brothers' ranch, riding a broken-down horse, which he proposed to exchange for a thoroughbred, belonging to the ranch. He leveled a revolver at Brothers, and the latter was compelled to make the exchange, but as the highwayman started to ride away Brothers drew his gun and shot him dead before he had proceeded more than 20 yards.

A Fine Lot of Steers.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 2.—James Buchanan, of Marietta, Kan., was on the market yesterday with the finest bunch of steers seen on the market for some time. They were genuine Hereford white faces. There were 21 head and they averaged 1,700 pounds and sold at \$4.15. The cattle have been fed since September 16 on corn and meal and at that time averaged about 1,300 pounds.

Has Plenty of Cash.

LONDON, April 1.—The yearly revenue returns show that the receipts were \$508,853,000, being an increase of \$30,450,000 over the previous year, and being \$99,000,000 more than Sir William V. Haccourt estimated in the budget. The expenditure totals are \$488,940,000. Thus the surplus is over \$20,000,000.

A Human Butcher Under a Ward.

AKRON, O., April 1.—One thousand people surrounded the city prison last night and many threats were made against A. R. Strong, the suspected murderer of the Stones at Tallmadge. The militia is still under arms at the armory and a force of police is ready for action. It is not believed, however, that an outbreak will occur.

Five Perish in the Floods.

Bristol, Tenn., April 1.—Further news of the loss of life by high water in this section was received here yesterday. A waterpout in Turkey Cove, Va., drowned four children and three other persons were rescued from the tide. In Russell county, Va., Charles Holt and child and Capt. Jenkins and two children were drowned.

New Hampshire republicans elected four unopposed delegates to St. Louis, but resolutions were adopted complimenting both McKinley and Reed.

The banking firm of Belmont & Co. of New York was defrauded out of \$200,000 in a forged draft presented by a smooth Spanish.

ONE AS GOOD AS THE OTHER.

Mother and Daughter Exchange Babies Voluntarily at Birth.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., April 1.—Mrs. John Morton, of Irish Valley, was being delivered of a child yesterday when her daughter, Mrs. Hannah Foster, of Treorton, who was at her mother's bedside, was taken sick suddenly, and also gave birth to a child. Both women occupied the same bed, and the attending physician mixed the babies. One of the children is a boy and the other a girl, but nobody knows which belongs to which mother. At length Mrs. Morton said she would take the girl, as she had several sons already, and would really prefer another daughter, whereas Mrs. Foster wanted a boy. As the matter stands, Mrs. Morton does not know whether she is nursing her daughter or her granddaughter, nor does Mrs. Foster know whether she is rearing her brother or her son.

DEMAND ACTUAL SERVICE.

A Taxpayer's League Joins Mayor Walcott's Salary.

St. Louis, April 1.—The Taxpayers' league has brought suit to restrain Mayor Cyrus P. Walbridge from collecting the salary which accumulates while he is absent from the city. The suit is an application for an injunction restraining City Treasurer Scudder from paying the mayor's salary for the month of March and restraining his honor from accepting the check from the treasurer. The injunction is asked on the ground that Mayor Walbridge has, during the past year, repeatedly absented himself from the city, and has drawn salary amounting to \$1,100 for the time so wasted. The month of March is included in the injunction, because during that month the mayor has been busy attending political gatherings in various sections of the state, but has demanded his salary as usual.

TILLMAN SORROWED.

Gen. A. L. New Denounces the Action of a

DENVER, Col., April 1.—The action of the democratic state central committee endorsing the idea of inviting and receiving Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, has called forth a scathing rebuke from Gen. A. L. New, collector of internal revenue and one of the most prominent democrats of the west. He characterizes the convention called for April 15 as that of the Tillmanites, and says:

"The democracy of the west, and of any other part of the country, need no advice from Mr. Tillman or from any other person who comes from outside of the ranks of the party. Mr. Tillman was not elected by democracy to his lofty position which he occupies and discharges to-day, and there is no reason why he should be invited to address a democratic convention with his trade of vituperation thus should Mr. Coxey, or any other individual antagonistic to the principles of democracy."

PRISONED BY DEATH TO ARREST.

A Negro Thief Knew His Jugular Vein

CHICAGO, April 1.—A negro on a Cottage Grove avenue street car sitting near Mrs. Lillian Brown, seized her pocketbook last night and then, jumping from the car, started to run. Mrs. Brown screamed and the car was stopped and the conductor and a number of passengers followed the negro. As the latter reached the entrance to an alley, he saw that his escape was hopeless, and, taking a razor from his pocket, he coolly faced his pursuers and drew the blade twice across his throat. The blood spouted from his jugular vein, which was severed, and reeling for an instant he sank in full view of the crowd of pursuers and died almost instantly.

IN A DEPLORABLE CONDITION.

The Situation in Armenia Has Not Improved as Yet.

NEW YORK, April 1.—The national Armenian relief committees received the following letter, dated Gorfa, February 19:

"The massacre of December 23 and 24 left over 1,000 widows among the Armenian survivors and 4,000 fatherless children. The relief work has just begun and is simply appalling. The Armenians are very timid, and so few of their men are left that they are reluctant to attempt to distribute aid even to their own people. We try to illuminate the needs of all and to treat all sufferers with impartiality. We need at least a week for at least two or three months."

THE TAXPAYER UNMOVED.

News of the Supreme Court Decision

COLUMBIA, Mo., April 1.—It is impossible to see the Taylors. Their lawyers informed them of the decision and one of the officers present stated that the news seemed to make little difference with them. The general opinion here is that the case will be taken to the United States supreme court.

Children to the Rescue.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Senator Cul-

lumb, chairman of the senate committee on interstate commerce and author of the present interstate commerce act, has announced his purpose of introducing a bill to amend the law so as to prevent the transportation of foreign goods at cheaper rates than those of domestic manufacture, as is allowed under the decision of the supreme court in the import rate case rendered in the supreme court recently.

Cotton Mill Employees Strike.

COLUMBIA, Mo., April 1.—The closing

down of the two great Eagle and Phoenix cotton mills for an indefinite period, and the consequent throwing of over 1,500 persons out of work, has produced a serious situation here. The strikers are orderly and quiet. Efforts are being made by business men looking for a settlement of the strike, as there is much suffering and destitution among the people.

SMOTHERED IN THE SMOKE.

Ten Italians Lose Their Lives by a Tenement House Fire.

PUSHED FROM THE TRACK.

A Pedestrian in Danger of Being Run Over on the Track Gets a Fatal Shove—An Unknown Vessel Blown Up at Sea.

BROOKLYN, April 1.—Fire destroyed a ramshackle tenement house early this morning and ten of its occupants—Italians—were smothered in their beds. The building was a four-story brick at 20 Union street. At present the police have reached no definite conclusion as to the cause and origin of the fire. The fire was discovered by a passerby in the street shortly after four o'clock this morning. By the time the fire department apparatus arrived the building was fairly in flames. Some of the persons asleep above managed to escape by the windows and fire escapes, but the firemen could do nothing for those who had not been aroused before the stifling smoke overcame them.

Pushed from the Track.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 1.—George Cresce, aged 58, who had lost his hearing, was crossing a street car track yesterday, unaware that a car was bearing down upon him. The motorman applied the brakes and as the car was about to strike the old man reached out and pushed him from the track. Cresce fell and struck his head. The motorman's friendly push resulted in the other's death from concussion of the brain three hours later.

An Unknown Vessel Blown Up at Sea.

St. Johns, N. B., April 1.—The steamer Lord Charlemont, which arrived yesterday from Belfast, reports that when three days out it sighted a vessel showing signals of distress, but before it could reach her there was a sudden heavy flare of flame and then all became dark. No trace of the vessel could be found the next day.

IS HE IN LIMBO?

Robert P. Kneeb, the Famous American

NEW YORK, April 1.—Robert P. Kneeb was sentenced last January to nine months in jail and fined 1,000 marks for the alleged "ringing" of the American mare Bethel on German tracks under the name of Nellie Kneeb, and last Friday a cablegram from Leipzig said that the imperial court had quashed the conviction and ordered Kneeb released from jail. A later cablegram, however, says that the court has ordered the case retired to the lower court and that 51 American witnesses will be summoned and the mare will be brought before that court. Bail, it is added, was again offered and refused.

The conflicting reports have revived interest in the case, as opinion has always been divided as to his guilt. Many, however, received the news of his conviction with great satisfaction, and it was thought that it would serve as a notice to turf tricksters that their day of successful operations were about over. The same kind of fraud has been frequently perpetrated on the American tracks, and many states have passed laws making it a felony.

NATIONAL BANK NOTES.

The Amount Now in Circulation According to the Treasury Comptroller's Statement.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The monthly statement of the comptroller of the currency shows that circulation of national bank notes is \$251,357,800, an increase for the year of \$12,777,661 and for the month of \$4,134,340. The circulation based on United States bonds amounts to \$199,724,000, an increase since March 31, 1895, of \$19,875,623 and since February 28 last of \$4,674,051. The circulation secured by lawful money amounts to \$21,633,800, a decrease for the year of \$6,967,951 and for the month of \$23,711. The amount of registered bonds on deposit to secure circulating notes amounts to \$292,995,800 and to secure public deposits \$17,668,000.

Could Not Violate His Oath.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 1.—Because he could not choose between the A. P. A. and his Catholic sweetheart, John Schweitzer, of this city, committed suicide by shooting. Schweitzer was engaged to be married to Miss Lullie Scherzinger, but had often told her that he was an A. P. A. and was prevented by his oath from marrying a Catholic. He asked Miss Scherzinger to abandon her religion. This she declined to do, but said she would marry him, even though he was a bigot.

A Kansas Patriarch.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 1.—Samuel Cooper, a farmer, of Pottawatomie county, who died recently, was 93 years old. He was followed to the grave by blood relatives to the number of 98. He was the father of 11 children, 7 of whom are married and living in Pottawatomie county. He had 60 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. He had lived in Kansas since 1837, and was a prominent member of the Methodist church.

Murdered in a Low Dive.

CANONVILLE, Mo., April 1.—Last night Oliver Eton was killed in a low resort in South Carrollton. Bill Godwin and Lou Canabughman are under arrest. At the coroner's inquest they were charged with the killing.

HORRIBLE HUNGLING.

Five Cubans Slowly Choked to Death by

HAVANA, April 1.—A startling exhibition of bungling in the execution by the garrote of five Cuban prisoners took place here yesterday. The men, classed as "murderers, violators and incendiaries," belonging to Cayajabo, were recently sentenced to be garroted, and at 7 o'clock in the morning a strong force of infantry was drawn up in the form of a square around the pole where the garrote had been erected. The instrument of execution, a chair with a post behind it, an iron collar and screws behind it, which, when turned, strangles or breaks the necks of the victim, was set up by the executioner, Valentine Ruiz, who, with his assistants, was so nervous that he could only fumble at the screws, and one after another of the executioners took turns, but the convicted man died so slowly by the process and the scene was so horrible to the spectators that strong men nearly fainted before the fifth Cuban was pronounced dead.

IT WAS GOOD MONEY.

But the Fact Was Undiscovered Until Most of It Was Destroyed.

SERADIA, Mo., April 1.—David Thomas, a short time before his death, a few weeks ago, gave his children several thousand dollars of the Bank of Tennessee money to play with, believing it to be worthless. They destroyed all but about \$150 of the bills, which were sent by John R. Clapton, the administrator of the estate, to Nashville to ascertain their value. Yesterday he was notified that the money was worth 100 cents on the dollar in payment of taxes, or gold would be given in exchange at 85 cents on the dollar.

Missouri Spiritualists.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., April 1.—The state meeting of the Progressive Spiritualists' association adjourned after having elected the following officers to serve during the ensuing year: President, A. R. Dixon, of St. Joseph; secretary, Mrs. C. J. Dixon, of St. Joseph; first vice president, H. O. Hawkins, of this city; second vice president, Mrs. H. N. Eolas, of this city; treasurer, H. Huxley, of this city.

Secretary of State's Fees.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 1.—The following is a statement of fees collected by the secretary of state and turned over to the treasurer during the month of March: Notaries' fees, \$740; domestic corporations, \$9,730; foreign corporations, \$150; miscellaneous, \$231.20; land department, \$30.15; university endowment, \$1,063.25; bank examinations, \$462.50. Total, \$12,506.10.

Headquarters Changed to Kansas City.

MARION, Ill., April 1.—The Indiana conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints closed the labors of its session in this city last night. Headquarters of the northern states are changed from Council Bluffs, Ia., to Kansas City, Mo.

His Hallmates.

MOOREHEAD, Mo., April 1.—At five o'clock yesterday afternoon a hailstorm visited this city, lasting about 15 minutes, at which time hailstones fell that measured three inches in circumference.

Three Horses Into a Well.

MEXICO, Mo., April 1.—From Sturgeon, near here, comes the news of the awful end of Mrs. Lizzie Quisenberry. She went to a well and threw herself into it. Death followed by drowning.

The Curfew Will Ring in Omaha.

OMAHA, Neb., April 1.—The city council, by a vote of thirteen to four, has passed the curfew ordinance over the mayor's veto, and the law will go into effect at once.

TELEGRAPH BRIEFS.

Fire at Maryville, Mo., destroyed the livery stable of A. S. Robey, together with 41 horses.

Mrs. George Carnegie dropped dead while watching a funeral procession at Weights, Kan.

An unknown man attempted to murder John Drees, a bachelor farmer, near Seaside, Kan.

Outlaw Carl Thorn was killed by Deputy Marshal Richards at Dover, Ok. There was a reward of \$5,200 for Thorn.

It is said that Cyrus Leland, of Kansas, wants to succeed Carter as chairman of the republican national committee.

At Fairport, Mo., Robert Tucker shot and fatally wounded his aged father, who was trying to dispossess him of his home.

France has retaliated upon Great Britain for the latter's interference in the Sudan affair by taxing imports from Madagascar, which will cripple Great Britain's trade.

Cyrus Leland, of Kansas, predicts that the name of but one man for president will be presented to the St. Louis convention and that will be McKinley.

Secretary Morton has awarded the contract for government garden seeds to Landreth & Sons, Philadelphia, and for flower seeds to L. L. May & Co., St. Paul, Minn.

Congressman Bine, of Kansas, will fight the appointment of Gen. Franklin of the soldiers' home board, thereby hoping to defeat Gov. Smith, of the Leavenworth home.

The Rock Island and Santa Fe railroads have announced the new tariff rates on corn. The rate from Topeka is 20 cents and from Kansas City and other Missouri points the rate is 15 cents less.

AMERICA'S PATRIOTIC SONS.

They Propose to Get 3,000,000 Names to a

FINANCIAL PETITION.

IN THE INDIAN TERRITORY.

An Urgent Memorial to Grant Relief to the Whites—Congressional Proceedings Sugar Growers Want to Be Protected.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The Patriotic Sons of America is an organization which was recently formed here. Besides the president, the order has 1,300 vice presidents. These officers are the organizers, and they have been appointed in every state. It is the duty of the vice presidents to organize lodges and secure signatures to a "petition and protest." The petition will set forth to congress that there is no money in this country, and that the workmen are every day getting poorer. It will recite that the per capita circulation is less than \$50, when it ought to be \$50. It will ask congress to pass a bill authorizing the secretary of the treasury to issue \$2,000,000,000 of greenbacks and to coin all the silver and gold bullion in the treasury, and to grant free coinage to everything and everybody. The protest will allege that the secretaries of the treasury, aided and abetted by the presidents, have for years deliberately taken piles of greenbacks and burned them to keep them from circulating, and to make the people poorer. It is proposed to get 3,000,000 signatures to the petition to congress. The members of the order say that congress could not resist such a large number of the people of the country. If it did so, the members say, there would be another invasion of Washington by a gigantic army of men, hundreds times larger than that of Coxey.

Congressional Proceedings.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—A bill was introduced by Mr. Butler, of North Carolina, in the senate to-day and referred to the finance committee providing that payment of notes, bills, checks, etc., shall be in legal tender money, irrespective of any stipulation in the contract. He explained that his